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IT IS QUITE CLEAR FROM WHAT ABETI AND HER MANAGER AKUESON HAVE TOLD ME, AND FROM WHAT I HAVE OBSERVED OF ABETI'S STAY IN TOGO, THAT SHE AND HER GROUP ARE SUPPORTED MORALLY AND FINANCIALLY BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU. ACCORDING TO THEM, MOBUTU IS PAYING ALL OF GROUP'S EXPENSES IN TOGO AND WILL PAY ALL COSTS OF US TRIP AND CARNEGIE HALL APPEARANCE. GROUP IS THUS IN ALL BUT NAME AN OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN CULTURAL PRESENTATION. EMBASSY ZAIRE CAN COMMENT BETTER THAN I, BUT I BELIEVE MOBUTU WOULD BE UNABLE TO COMPREHEND US FAILURE TO ISSUE VISAS PROMPTLY IN ORDER PERMIT GROUP TO ARRIVE IN US IN TIME FOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO CARNEGIE HALL APPEARANCE. I THUS HOPE WE CAN BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISAS SOONEST, WITHOUT RECOURSE TO LENGTHY PETITION PROCESS. ANY HELP YOU CAN PROVIDE IN EXPLAINING SITUATION WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.
DICKINSON

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